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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)	Application No. 10/788,641	Applicant(s) BURSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Devona E. Faulk	Art Unit 2615	


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The Appeal Brief filed on 01 June 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. ☒ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☐ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)).
6. ☐ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. ☐ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner **and relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

The applicant has used the old format for filing an appeal brief. Rules changes effective 9/13/2004 made changes in what was required for an appeal brief. The applicant has to submit another brief that follows the new format. The examiner has indicated on the attached sheet the new requirements set forth in the rules changes effective 9/13/2004.


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Rules Changes In Appeal Practice (effective 9/13/2004)

Content and format of the appeal brief (41.37)

One copy of the brief is required rather than three copies consistent with the implementation of IFW.

The brief is required to be filed within **two months** from the date of filing of the notice of appeal.

- The time period is extendable under § 1.136 for patent applications and § 1.550(c) for *ex parte* reexamination proceedings. See § 41.37(e).
- The brief can no longer be filed within the time period for reply to the action from which the appeal was taken.

Rules of Practice Before the BPAI

Content and format of the appeal brief (§ 41.37)

The brief must contain the following items (§ 41.37(c)):

- i. Real party in interest (similar to former § 1.192).
Yx A statement identifying by name the real party in interest even if the party named in the caption of the brief is the real party in interest
- ii. Related appeals and interferences (similar to former § 1.192).
 - Identification of all other prior and pending appeals, interferences or judicial proceedings which may be related to, directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision.
- iii. Status of claims (similar to former § 1.192).
 - The status of all the claims in the proceeding (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled) and an identification of the appealed claims
- iv. Status of amendments (same as former § 1.192).
A statement of the status of any amendment filed subsequent to final rejection.
- v. Summary of claimed subject matter (replacing "summary of invention").
A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal,
 - Must refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

Art Unit: 2615

For each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately,

Every means plus function and step plus function must be identified, and
The structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

vi. Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal (replacing “issues for review” and “grouping of claims”).
Example: Claims 1 to 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. C.

vii. Argument (has been revised)

- A separate heading is required for each ground of rejection.
- Any claim(s) argued separately should be placed on a subheading
- A statement which merely points out what a claim recites will be considered an argument for separate patentability of the claim.
- When multiple claims subject to the same ground of rejection are argued as a group, the Board may select a single claim from the group to decide the appeal with respect to the group of claims as to the ground of rejection on the basis of the selected claim alone.

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viii. Claims appendix (similar to former § 1.192).

A copy of the claims involved in the appeal.

ix. Evidence appendix (new)

Copies of any evidence entered and relied upon in the appeal.

x. Related proceedings appendix (new)

Copies of decisions rendered by a court or the Board in any proceeding identified in the related appeals and interferences section.